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February 6, 2001

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The Honorable Robert O'Farrell
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Monterey County
PO Box 1819
Salinas, Ca 93902

John W. Kistinger, D.D.S.
Councilmember

The Honorable Robert O'Farrell:

As required by Penal Code Section 933(b), please find the City of Gonzales' official response to the Final Report of the 2000 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury.

George A. Worthy
Councilmember

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Findings #1 through 5,7
Recommendations #1 through 5, 7

Henry G. Hesling Sr.
City Manager

FINDINGS

1. The Gonzales Police Department is in compliance. Domestic Violence material is available in the police department lobby in both English and Spanish languages.
2. Domestic Violence material is available in the police station's lobby. Written domestic violence material is carried by all police officers responding to calls of *domestic violence. While it may be concluded this material is often provided "after the fact" to those in need, it is our hope this information will prevent a second occurrence. The domestic violence material is replenished on a fairly regular basis inside the Station's lobby. In order to address the "suggested" intimidation factor of entering the police department's lobby to pick up the material, the City will also provide this literature to the local branch of the public library and post office.
3. While the police department does not provide general seven-day-a-week 24-hour-a-day access to those who want walk in services to the materials contained inside the lobby, domestic violence materials will be made available to the public at the local library branch and post office.
4. All officers employed by the City Of Gonzales have received P.O.S.T certified Training in domestic violence issues. In addition, one officer has attended the Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigation foundation class on domestic violence.
5. The City Of Gonzales concurs with this finding.
6. The City Of Gonzales has re-printed and replenished domestic violence materials at City's expense.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The City Of Gonzales concurs with this recommendation and will continue to remain current.
2. As mentioned in the findings section, this recommendation has already been implemented.
3. The police department will take this recommendation seriously and strive to locate a suitable outside container for the dissemination of the domestic violence materials.
4. Recommendation #4 has already been implemented.
5. With the addition of a School Resource Officer assigned primarily to the lower and middle grades, emphasis will be placed on the education, cause, prevention and consequences of domestic violence in the home.
6. Already implemented.

Respectfully,

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Matt Gourley
The Honorable Mayor